

## LOCAL MATTERS.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 3.

For this section local showers, followed by clear and fair weather during the greater portion of Friday and on Saturday, southerly lightening to westerly winds.

## FIRE IN WASHINGTON.

Destruction of the Steamer W. W. Corcoran—The George Leary and Charles Macalester Slightly Damaged.

About quarter to six o'clock this morning the steamer W. W. Corcoran, lying at the Seventh street wharf, Washington, was found to be on fire, and the flames gained such headway that it proved impossible to save the steamer and she was loosed from her moorings and pushed out into the stream in order to save the Charles Macalester and other steamers which were lying close to the ill-fated boat. The tide was running up at the time and what wind was blowing was from the south, and the burning steamer, now a mass of flame, was soon borne by wind and tide in dangerous proximity to the steamer George Leary, which was lying a short distance to the north, and in a few minutes the after portion of the latter was ablaze. The greatest consternation prevailed along the river front, as there was every reason to suppose a wholesale conflagration would follow, nearly all the steamers plying on the river being bunched together within a radius of two or three squares. The fire engines were not long in arriving upon the scene, and having the river to feed their apparatus lost no time in sending copious streams upon the Corcoran as well as upon the half dozen other boats threatened with destruction. The flames were speedily subdued on the Leary, as well as on the Macalester, both of which had also caught, but the damage to either was slight. The Corcoran, however, continued to burn, the fire roaring and crackling through the night wood, turpentine, paint and oil, and in a short time, after having been towed by the tug Hanson Keyes and Potomac to the opposite side, she had burned down to the water's edge. One casualty occurred, a colored boy about fifteen years old, who was aboard the Corcoran, having jumped overboard and drowned. The unfortunate boy had jumped aboard to assist in removing the steamer from the dock and had been carried out in the river on her. He later appeared at one of the gangways, toward which the flames were then licking their way with fearful rapidity, and the crowd on the wharf, who saw his peril, shouted to him to jump overboard, but the boy, being unable to swim was loth to do so. His agony of mind was piteous to behold. Death stared him in the face in two forms. He was fully aware of the fact that should he remain on the burning steamer he must inevitably perish, while the terrible alternative of trusting himself to the water offered but the ghost of a show of escaping death. It grew hotter and hotter and the flames approached so close that he was at length compelled to quit the gangway, and grasping the iron hand-hold which passed from the gangway around the paddle boxes of the steamer he moved slowly along the projecting guards. Doubtless the iron had become so heated that it was impossible for him to hold on any longer, so heeding the advice of the crowd he jumped, but no preparations had been made for his rescue and he drowned in the sight of a thousand people. His body was soon afterwards recovered by the police boat. The fire broke out forward of the wheel house and originated in the furnace room. The steamer had landed an excursion party at her wharf after midnight and the fire had been banked. Captain Eskridge, of the ferry steamer City of Washington, was one of the first to discover the fire, and proceeded immediately to the Corcoran's dock, and with the aid of others who subsequently arrived shoved the burning boat from the dock. Had she been allowed to burn where she lay a terrible conflagration would have followed. Not only would almost the entire Potomac flotilla have been destroyed, but untold damage would have been done to property on the river front. The Corcoran was launched in Wilmington, Del., in 1879, having been built specially for the Mount Vernon route. She was comparatively a small steamer, intended for short runs. She probably cost somewhere between thirty and forty thousand dollars. Forward of the wheelhouse she bore a striking resemblance to the steamer Wawaset, which was burned a short distance below Maryland Point August 8, 1873, by which disaster about one hundred people lost their lives.

**PERSONAL.**—Mrs. Maye and her daughter, Miss May, have returned from Culpeper. Mrs. P. J. Dempsey and her daughter, Miss Hester, have returned from Upperville. Misses Balle and Kate Stuart have returned from a trip through the North. Miss Eselle Terry, of Indiana, is visiting Miss Bertie Young on south Royal street. The Misses Greene, of north Washington street, have returned from a trip to Niagara Falls and the North. Miss Mary Tebbes has returned from Lou don, where she spent the summer. The Warrenton Virginian says Capt. J. W. Foster has been elected president and manager of the Virginia Steel, Iron and State Company at a salary of four thousand dollars a year. This is better than going to Congress.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ashford have returned from a visit to Lorton, having been absent ten days. Miss Annie Whitcomb, who has been visiting in the same neighborhood, has also returned. She has been with the family of Mr. Alex. Lyles.

Mr. John A. Scrivener, of the auditor's office of the R. & D. railroad, at Atlanta, has succeeded to the position of checker of the C. & G. division and the West Point steamers.

Mr. John A. Muir is back from his summer vacation. He has entirely recovered the use of his right arm, which was dislocated by his being thrown from a buggy in West Virginia some time since.

Miss Mary Brown, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. J. Brodbeck, have gone to Danville on a visit.

**MANY APPLICANTS.**—It is said that a meeting of the republican city committee was held last night at the residence of Mr. L. W. Corbet to indorse some one for the position recently held by the late W. A. Hammerdinger, of this city. There are many applicants for the place, among them being S. J. Wimsatt, T. I. Edell and W. N. Jackson, the last named colored. The committee, it is understood, recently visited Washington on behalf of Mr. Edell, but found it necessary that he should have the endorsement of a committee meeting, owing to the fact that so many applications for the position had been filed with the "authorities." Mr. Edell has since withdrawn from the contest and the committee last night deemed it inexpedient to take definite action in the matter until they heard from a colored man who, it was said, is a formidable applicant for the place with a backing at "court." The meeting gave W. N. Jackson a complimentary vote and adjourned.

Call at John T. Downey's, corner Fairfax and Cameron streets, for a cool bottle of Portner's Standard, 5c; Vienna Cabinet Export 10c.

**CONGRESSIONAL MEETING.**—A meeting of the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church was held last night to take action on the resignation of Rev. James I. Vance as pastor of that church. Elder Wm. A. Moore was chosen moderator. Elder K. K. Moore presented a preamble and series of resolutions setting forth that as the pastor had, after careful study of the circumstances connected with his call to the Norfolk church, concluded to accept the same, that the Second Church, with deep regret, requests Chesapeake Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations between church and pastor; also reciprocating the kindly sentiments expressed by Mr. Vance in his letter of resignation, and cordially commending him to the people among whom he is soon to labor. Elder Kemper was selected to attend the meeting of Chesapeake Presbytery in Aldie and represent the Second Church in that body. Rev. T. M. McConnell will occupy the pulpit of the church Sunday.

**BOARD OF TRADE.**—At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Board of Trade held on Tuesday evening last the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three members of the Board of Trade be appointed to meet the officers of the Baltimore and Ohio and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Companies and urge upon them the necessity of providing facilities to our merchants for shipping and receiving freights over said lines and the establishment of agencies in this city.

Messrs. John J. Jamison, I. Eichberg and N. Lindsey were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a memorial to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company calling attention to the miserable accommodations for local passengers as now furnished by the said railroad company in this city; and that the said memorial be presented for signature to the merchants of this city, as the present apology for a passenger station is deemed prejudicial to the business of Alexandria.

Messrs. Geo. A. Mushbach, John May and N. Lindsey were appointed.

**THE GROCERS.**—A meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association was held last night at the Board of Trade rooms. The officers elected last week on the night of organization all resigned and the following were chosen in their stead: G. W. Ramsey, president; R. H. Haver, vice-president; R. M. Graham, secretary; G. W. Fisher, treasurer, and W. P. Graves, Thos. Landon, M. Schuler, and Jas. McQueen, directors.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Ramsey, Haver, Fisher and Graham were appointed to revise the constitution and the meeting adjourned till Wednesday night next. The association is now said to be on a solid basis, most of the retail grocers in the city having become members.

It is proposed to change the name of the association and to admit as members all retail merchants in the city.

**POLICE REPORT.**—Last night was clear and cool with two prisoners and one lodger at the station house.

The Mayor this morning disposed of the following cases:

Henry Williams, colored, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$2.50.

Edward Payne, colored, for an assault on Kate Hughes, also colored, was fined \$2.50.

**SCHOOL PERMITS.**—The Clerk of the City School Board to-day issued 512 permits to colored children to attend the public schools—171 to boys and 341 to girls. On the corresponding day last year he issued 356 permits. Permits to colored children will be issued to-morrow after which day no more will be given out till the 14th in order that next week the schools may be organized.

**CHARTER.**—Judge Norton has granted a charter to the Wilder Anti-Ratifier Company, of Washington, D. C. The objects are to manufacture and sell the Wilder anti-ratifier and other novelties. The capital stock is to be \$20,000, divided into shares of \$100 each and the principal office is to be in this city and J. E. Smith, of Washington, is president.

**FIRE COMPANY MEETING.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Columbia S. F. E. Co. was held at their hall last night with O. W. Duffley in the chair and F. L. Entwistle secretary. Four new members were elected, making a membership of 163. One member was dropped from the roll.

**False Economy.**

Is practiced by many people, who buy inferior articles of food because cheaper than standard goods. Surely infants are entitled to the best food obtainable. It is a fact that the Gall Borden "Eagle" Brand Condensed Milk is the best infant food. Your grocer and druggist keep it.

Pain in chest, short breath, pain fluttering, smothering, dropsy, asthma, cured by Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, sold at druggists. Free treatise by mail. MILES MED. CO., Elkhart, Ind.

**FOR DYSPEPSIA,**

Indigestion, and Stomach disorders, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.

All dealers keep it. \$1 per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

Allow me to add my tribute to the efficacy of Ely's Cream Balm. I was suffering from a severe attack of influenza and catarrh and was induced to try your remedy. The result was marvelous. I could hardly articulate, and in less than twenty-four hours the catarrhal symptoms and my hoarseness disappeared and I was able to sing a heavy role in Grand Opera with voice unimpaired. I strongly recommend it to all singers.—Wm. H. Hamilton, Leading Bass of the C. D. Hess Grand Opera Co.

**A. B. C. Alternative Purifies the Blood**

**Pronounced Helpless, Yet Saved.**

From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hard, of Groton, S. D., we quote: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my Lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up saying I could not live but a short time. I gave myself up to my savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I have it a trial, took in all eight bottles; it has cured me and thank God I am now a well and hearty woman." Trial bottles bottles free at E. S. Leadbeater & Bro's. druggists, regular size, 50c and \$1.00.

**For Malaria, Liver Trouble, or Indigestion, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS**

**THE REGULAR** monthly meeting of the Relief Hook and Ladder Co. will be held Friday evening, September 4th, 1891, at 8 o'clock.

**C. H. PICKIN,**

Secretary.

**Mrs VIRGINIA EVANS** will resume instruction in

**Vocal Culture & Piano**

commencing Sept. 15, 1891, at her residence, 322 S. St. Asaph st., Alexandria, Va. sep3 1m

**FOR SALE.**

**TWO NICE BUILDING LOTS.**

One on St. Asaph street, between Cameron and Queen, 19 feet 9 inches by 93 feet; the other on King street, between Fayette and Payne, 36 feet 6 inches by 100 feet. Apply to

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**PATENT WIRE TIES** for baling hay, &c.; large stock, wholesale and retail.

**JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS,**

Alexandria, Va. aug26

## LOCAL REEVITIES

The regular monthly meeting of the city school board will be held to-night.

The Presbytery of the Chesapeake will meet at A. B. C. on the evening of the 8th.

A tournament was held at Marshall Hall yesterday which 6,000 persons, many from this city, attended.

Shortly after sunset yesterday a dark blue cloud fringed with a crimson light appeared in the west and attracted much attention.

As will be seen by a notice elsewhere proposals are asked by the government for the construction of the military road from this city to the national cemetery.

Weldon Johnson, a seven-year-old colored boy, jumped in the river near the 11th street wharf, Washington, yesterday evening to get a watermelon that had fallen from the wharf, and was drowned.

A special meeting of East Hanover Presbytery was held in Norfolk yesterday to appoint a committee to wait on the Chesapeake Presbytery and present the call of the First church to Rev. Mr. Vance, of this city.

A forty-foot break, caused by a leak, has occurred on the fourteen-mile level on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, about ten miles northwest of Williamsport. Navigation is entirely suspended between Williamsport and Cumberland. It will require a week to repair the break.

A man named Brown, of Prince William county, while cutting timber in Fairfax county, near Burke's station, yesterday, accidentally cut off several of his toes, which he afterwards picked up and put in his pocket.

The new wagon recently built by Messrs. Summers & Bro. for the fire department was out today, drawn by the Relief horses.

Call at John T. Downey's, corner Fairfax and Cameron streets, for a cool bottle of Portner's Standard, 5c; Vienna Cabinet Export 10c.

## PROFESSIONAL.

## Dr. Charles Diedel

Respectfully informs his patients that he has removed his office to 525 Eleventh st. n. w., Washington, D. C., where he will continue to practice DENTISTRY in all its branches. sep3-2w

**A CARD.**

To the voters of Alexandria city and county:

In response to the request of many friends in our city and county, I beg leave to announce myself a candidate for nomination as Delegate to the Legislature.

In thus placing myself before the voters of our city and county, I desire to say that, if elected, I pledge my best efforts to advance the interests of our State, city and county, as well as of the democratic party, both State and national.

Heartily thanking my many friends and soliciting your kindly consideration,

I remain very respectfully,

**WILL W. DOUGLAS.**

Ballston, Alexandria co., Va., Aug. 26, 1891. sep3 1f

## REWARD.

**RICHMOND AND DANVILLE R. R. CO.**

Office of General Manager, Atlanta, Ga., September 1, 1891.

This company will pay \$10,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who removed the rail from the track of the Western North Carolina Railroad near Hostler's bridge, Irwell county, North Carolina, on the night of August 26, 1891.

**W. H. GREEN, General Manager**

sep3 1m Richmond and Danville R. R. Co.

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**LEADBEATER'S DIARRHOEA MIXTURE**—This article we have been making for about thirty years, and it has proven itself to be of great value, particularly at this season of the year.

**E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.**

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Three sizes—\$1, 50 and 25c sizes; the finest article in the world for harness. For sale by

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FOR THE BLOOD,

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**ANOTHER NEW ONE!**

**COCA-COLA**

at **J. D. H. LUNT'S.**

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**IF YOUR CHICKENS ARE SICK,**

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**LUNT'S CHICKEN CHOLERA CURE.**

Sold by all druggists and grocers. mh31

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Alexandria, Va. aug26

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**WANTED.**

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## CANDIDATES.

I RESPECTFULLY announce myself a candidate for the House of Delegates, subject to the democratic primary. An accident which has confined me to my room and bed for the past four weeks has prevented my seeing many of the voters of Alexandria city and county, and as I have not yet recovered from the effects of my injuries, the same cause may deprive me of all opportunities of a personal canvass; I therefore announce my candidacy through the medium of this card. I promise, if elected, faithfully and conscientiously to represent the interest of my people.

**W. H. MAY.**

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